

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method and apparatus for secure and authenticated access to command controllable computerized equipment is described. The method involves using an access apparatus that prevents access to the command controllable computerized equipment until a user is authenticated as a trusted user authorized to access the command controllable computer equipment. The apparatus may be a secure access controller or a secure access transceiver. Each has a normally disabled data port that prevents the pass-through of data until a user is authenticated as a trusted user. The apparatus may operate under autonomous control or under the control of a network centric control facility. The advantage is secure control of access to command controllable computerized equipment that enables remote access to the equipment by authorized users with substantially no risk of compromise.